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DECLARATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY ON THE AERIAL AND NAVAL MILITARY ATTACK AGAINST THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA BY THE PRESENT UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IN APRIL 1986

SECURITY COUNCIL
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Letter dated 19 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the declaration issued on 15 April 1994 by the Association of Families of Victims of the United States-United Kingdom Aggression against the People of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on the eighth anniversary of that aggression.

I should be grateful if you would have this statement circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 47 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Ahmed ELHOUDERI
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Declaration dated 15 April 1994 by the Association of Families of Victims of the United States-United Kingdom Aggression against the People of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Eight years have elapsed since the barbarous aggression against our people, when the three criminal terrorist States moved, with black hatred, against our innocent children, our women and our elderly in a desperate attempt to harm our great people. Eight years have elapsed since this repugnant and criminal act of terrorism, which disavows all values, defies all human concepts and clearly reveals the spuriousness of the rancorous allegations of the West, which were prompted by the arrogance of brute force towards a small people whose only offence is that it believes in freedom for itself and for the world around it, hails the victory of the values of life and upholds the concept of honour and human dignity for all mankind.

At this time, we hail the eighth anniversary of the brutal attack that was a living example of the concept of State terrorism in the highest degree, terrorism armed with fanaticism, providing practical evidence of the law of the jungle that they want to rule the destiny of the world.

Now that eight years have elapsed and it has become clear to the whole world that the Great Jamahiriya was not in any way involved in the Berlin night-club incident that was used as a pretext for attacking our people, the whole world has realized that the real terrorism is what is in fact practised against all the small peoples and that aggression comes officially within the scope of terrorist acts, inasmuch as the plotters were the heads of major Powers, the perpetrators are known by name and by appearance, and the crime was committed in full view of the whole world.

We the families of the martyrs and victims of the aggression, believing that the blood of our victims cannot be spilt in vain, that their lives are not valued at nought and that there is no distinction among our victims between one human being and another, and affirming our condemnation of all forms of terrorism, consider that our cause is the countering of terrorism, from which we have suffered, and that we are entitled to retribution from the criminals and to just compensation for the material and moral injury that we have suffered.

In this firm belief, we address ourselves to the conscience and vital forces of the world, to its international and regional organizations and to human rights organizations, as follows:

First. Reagan, Thatcher and the pilots who carried out the heinous crime and participated in the planning and execution are deemed war criminals who must be handed over and tried before Libyan courts.

Second. We the families of victims and martyrs of the aggression, call upon the international community and the Security Council to investigate this heinous crime and punish its perpetrators. We call for the implementation of the provisions of Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter against the States

that harbour these criminals who were caught in the act in full view of the world.

Third. The international community and the world conscience must bar the presence or participation of the States concerned in the Security Council and prevent their use of the veto.

Fourth. We call upon the international community and its organizations, bodies and vital forces to put an end to the trifling with the concept of terrorism, which the Western States, led by the United States of America, exploit for the promotion of their expansionist interests and then put into practice without any deterrent. Accordingly, we call for a world conference to define the meaning and concept of terrorism.

Fifth. Direct contact must be made with the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, peace organizations throughout the world and human rights associations in order to obtain their support in obtaining our legal and human rights.

Sixth. We consider that the so-called "Lockerbie case" is a continuation of the same terrorist policy by the same forces that carried out the 1986 aggression, directed towards the same ends. This is evidenced by the persistently negative stance of the forces of arrogance and tyranny, aimed at thwarting every attempt to find a way out of the crisis, and their rejection of efforts to deal with it on a legal basis.

Therefore, we appeal to all beneficent and peace-loving forces in the United States, the United Kingdom and France to uphold right and justice and to call upon their Governments to agree to a legal approach that will guarantee the right of respect for international law and custom, and in this appeal the Great Jamahiriya is supported by the peoples of the world as represented in its popular and regional organizations such as the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Non-Aligned Movement and other international organizations.